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## NO ICE THERE.

### Magdalene Islands Now Clear Says a Late Despatch.

#### Traps for Bait Were Put Down Yesterday.

The ice has cleared away from the Magdalene islands. A telegram from House Harbor, Miquelon, to Capt. William H. Thomas dated May 1 says, "Magdalene Islands now clear of ice. Am setting traps tomorrow." The despatch is from a very reliable source and is therefore to be depended upon.

Last year the first vessels for bait were able to reach the Magdalenes May 11.

#### FORCED ASHORE BY ICE.

##### Sch. Illinois Struck Yesterday at Port Hawkesbury, but Floated.

Sch. Illinois, Capt. John Lowrie, of this port, engaged in shacking was forced ashore by the ice at Port Hawkesbury, C. B., yesterday, but was floated today with the assistance of a towboat without any damage. The vessel at the time was probably seeking bait or was bound through the straits of Canso to the Magdalene Islands for a baiting.

#### EARLY HAUL OF SHAD.

##### Heath's Trap at Kettle Island Took 120 This Forenoon.

Shad have put in appearance hereabouts and this morning Heath's trap at Kettle island took 220 large ones. The whole lot was sold to John M. Dennison, the Washington street fish dealer.

## MORE MACKEREL TRIPS.

### Three More Seiners Reach New York with Fares.

#### Fish Are Scarce and Wild and Schools Hard To See.

A special to the TIMES this afternoon from its Fulton Market correspondent reports the arrival there since noon of the following seiners with mackerel fares:

- Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, Capt. Joshua Stanley, 1500 large fresh mackerel in count.
- Sch. Marguerite Haskins, Capt. Ralph Webber, 12 barrels large fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Kentucky, Capt. Elroy Prior, 15 barrels large fresh mackerel.

The correspondent adds that the skippers all report that mackerel are very scarce, and also that the schools were terribly wild and hard to see.

#### Will Carry Fish.

The steamer City of Haverhill will run between Boston and Provincetown and will carry fresh fish from the latter port to T wharf landing it before 6 o'clock in the morning.

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## LET US BE THANKFUL FOR WHAT WE HAVE.

The desire to bring new industries to Gloucester is certainly commendable, but in the cry for advancement in the industrial line many of our citizens lose sight of the large labor-employing plants that we already have. Somehow or other, many people do not place on the same line of manufacturing industries the great salt fish establishments that our city can boast. Take the average cities of Gloucester's size where there are boot and shoe and other plants, it is fair to state in many cases our fish houses will pretty well offset the former-named business enterprises. One often hears the statement, "What we want is something that will give employment to our people." The natural inference is that our salt fish establishments do not make work for many hands, but as a matter of fact hundreds of men and many women find work week in and week out. To be sure when a shoe concern recently left the city, Gloucester lost a weekly revenue estimated at about \$1000, but it should be remembered by our citizens that one fish company alone pays for wages every Saturday night an average of \$2000 per week, with several other firms with very large pay rolls.

There was no great general delight in these facts, for the reason that there is a tendency not to take account of stock of what we already have, but instead, to proclaim for more business. If over the doors of our fish establishments were posted the sign of some shoe company, more notice would be taken of the enterprises, and reports would constantly be heard as to the great benefit the city was deriving.

Another important factor relative to these large fishing plants is that business is good and constantly increasing. This argument is based on the fact that an inspection will show there is a wide-awake, progressive air about the premises, and in several instances large additions are being built to the plants of already great magnitude. These lines are not written with the purpose of throwing cold water on the endeavors or the desire for more industries for Gloucester, for we need them and the TIMES is ever willing to lend its aid at any time with this object in view. But it is no more than right that the business men who maintain these fine, modern concerns, the men who help keep Gloucester going, the men who help support many families, and are pre-eminently instrumental in keeping Gloucester's name to the fore in connection with the great fishing centre of the world, should be accorded some recognition and praise for their industry.

In addition to the fish packing establishments our city has the Russia Cement Company and Gloucester Isinglass and Glue Company, who do an immense glue and phosphate business, their products being sent all over this country as well as Europe. They have a very large pay roll and are of great assistance to our city. Then again there is the Cape Ann Anchor Works, the Merchant Box and Cooperage Company, and many others who are doing their part toward keeping the ball moving, and supply the wherewithal to give a living to the people. Would that there were more such and by dint of endeavor, the number can be greatly increased.

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Another point which is also worthy of consideration is the fact that these boneless fish establishments furnish the outlet for the salt fish catch, and this gives employment to a large number of men and vessels, the latter also affording employment to marine railways, teamsters, vessel builders, sailmakers, riggers, painters, shipsmiths, and repairers, and many other branches of industry which tend to build up and sustain the local business of the city.

Here's hoping that more manufacturing plants may be established here, but in the meantime it would be well for the calamity howler to shout and spread broadcast that Gloucester already has a pretty good list of manufacturing establishments.

## DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

### To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Ellen C. Burke, via Boston, 90,000 lbs. fresh fish.

### Today's Fish Market.

Board of Trade prices for salt and fresh fish:

Salt fish, handline Georges cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.75 for medium; trawl Georges cod, \$4.25 for large, \$3.50 for medium; trawl Bank cod, \$3.61 1-2 for large, \$3.37 1-2 for medium; hake, \$1.25; pollock, \$1.25; haddock, \$1.75; large cusk, \$2.50.

Fresh fish, large cod, \$2.12 1-2; medium cod, \$1.62 1-2; all cod caught to the eastward of LaHave bank, \$1.87 1-2; medium \$1.50 cusk, \$1.62 1-2; haddock, \$1.00; hake, 85 cts.; pollock, 70c; snapper codfish, 60 cts.; snapper cusk, 60 cts.

Bank halibut, 8 cts. per lb. for white and 6 cts. for gray.

### Boston.

Sch. Mary T. Fallon, 70,000 fresh mixed fish.

Sch. Valentinna, 5000 haddock.

Sch. Yankee, 9000 haddock.

Sch. Laura Enos, 40,000 cod.

Sch. Iguatus Enos, 4000 cod.

Sch. Frank Foster, 26,000 cod, 30,000 dollock.

Sch. Genesta, 16,000 haddock, 200 cod.

Sch. Rattler, 7000 pollock.

Sch. Mary A. Gleason, 9000 haddock, 100 cod.

Haddock, \$1.25 to \$1.50; large cod, \$2; market cod, \$1.75; hake, \$1.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Robin Hood was at Liverpool, N. S., on Tuesday and cleared for the Magdalene islands.

Sch. Meteor was at North Sydney, C. B. on Monday.

Sch. Judique with 140,000 pounds of salt cod was at Canso, N. S. Tuesday.

Sch. Senator was at Canso, N. S., Tuesday.

Schs. Henry M. Stanley, Squanto, Senator, Saulsbury and Independence II. were at Port Mulgrave, on Tuesday.

### Don't Think It Would Work.

Fred T. Page, a North Sea fisherman, writes to the Halifax Herald, from Gloucester to say he believes the beam trawl could be used with success in our waters, for a rough bottom is no obstacle. He probably means an uneven bottom, quite a different thing from a craggy one. If Sol Jacobs couldn't make it work, there is little hope for it here.—Clark's Harbor, N. S., Coast Guard.

### Doing Poorly.

The Lunenburg fishermen on their second baiting have done very poorly, only averaging about 40 quintals, just about sufficient to pay for the bait alone. Dogfish have struck in on the banks in great numbers.



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## MACKEREL STILL SCARCE.

### But Few Arrivals at Fulton Market Today.

#### The Fish Are Selling at 25 Cents Each.

Fresh mackerel are in slow receipt at Fulton market, New York. Last year at this time, big fares were being brought in, but the trips today show that the fleet are finding fish in small schools and that the fish are wild and scarce. The arrivals this morning are as follows:

Sch. Lucania, Capt. Martin L. Welsh, 1500 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Faustina, Capt. Augustus G. Hall, 1200 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Bertha and Pearl, Capt. Joseph Smith, 2000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Motor (netter), Capt. Herman Pennington, 600 fresh mackerel.

This is the second trip which Capt. Smith has landed this season and also the second for Capt. Hall of sch. Ralph L. Hall, who was in yesterday afternoon with a fine fare of 4000 large fresh mackerel as in yesterday's TIMES. These two skippers are the only ones to land two trips thus far this season.

The price today for fresh mackerel is 25 cents each.

Yesterday afternoon the netters Princess, with 100 fresh mackerel, and Hockomock, with 300 fresh mackerel, arrived, this being the second trip for the latter.

The trip of 5000 fresh mackerel which sch. Pinta, Capt. John F. Vautier, landed at Fulton Market yesterday afternoon, as reported in yesterday's TIMES, was one of the largest of the season thus far.

The new sch. Arthur James, Capt. Archibald Devine, arrived at New York yesterday afternoon with her maiden trip, 40 barrels fresh mackerel.

## SCH. METEOR RUN INTO.

### By French Sch. Union at North Sydney, C. B.

#### Foreign Vessel at Fault and Will Pay for Repairs.

The French fishing schooner Union, while leaving North Sydney, C. B., harbor Wednesday night, ran into and damaged sch. Meteor of this port. The Union admitted being to blame for the accident and the owners, Legrasse Bros. of St. Pierre, Miq., will pay for the repairs on the Meteor, whose quarter was badly damaged by the collision.

## FISHING SCHOONER LOST.

### Florida Craft Sunk in a Tornado and Her Crew of Six Drowned.

A despatch from Pensacola, Fla., says: Fishing vessels report that the fishing schooner Florida was lost in a hurricane near Campeche banks about 10 days ago, and that the entire crew of six men went down with the vessel. She had about concluded her fishing when a hurricane came on about 10 o'clock at night.

There were 12 or more vessels anchored near together and each parted its cable and went adrift. Some of the fishermen of other vessels saw a big sea strike the Florida. Her lights swayed and then she went down.

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## MORE MACKEREL AT NEW YORK

### Sch. Pinta Lands 130 Barrels This Afternoon.

A special despatch to the TIMES from New York this afternoon states that sch. Pinta, Capt. John F. Vautier, has arrived with 130 barrels of large fresh mackerel.

#### Second Trip.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall, Capt. Frank H. Hall, arrived at New York this afternoon with her second fare, 125 barrels fresh mackerel.

#### Bait.

A telegram from Chester Eldredge at Chatham states that there is plenty of mixed bait in the traps at Monomoy.

Plenty of alewives are reported at Edgartown. Sch. Niagara baited there on Tuesday.

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## DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

### To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Kineo, Georges, 20,000 lbs. salt cod, 35,000 lbs. fresh cod, 20,000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, via Boston, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Albert Geiger, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Arthur D. Story, 18,000 lbs. cod, 700 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Etta Mildred, shore.

Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, shore.

Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, via Boston, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.

#### Vessels Sailed.

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Bank halibut, 8 cts. per lb. for white and 6 cts. for gray.

Rips cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.75 for mediums and \$2.25 for snappers.

#### Boston.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Columbia, Orinoco, Dictator, Blue Jacket, Preceptor, Valant, Latona and Frank G. Rich were at Port Mulgrave Wednesday.

Schs. Hiram Lowell, Muriel, Elector, Mildred Robinson and Arbitrator were at Canso, N. S., on Wednesday.

Schs. Monach, Dictator, Oregon, Alice R. Lawson and Meteor, sailed from Canso Wednesday for the Magdalene islands.

Sch. Frank Butler has fitted for mackerel seining at Provincetown and sailed south.

## ANOTHER SEINER IN.

### Sch. Avalon at New York with 1500 Mackerel.

Sch. Avalon, Capt. Charles Maguire, arrived at Fulton Market, New York, this afternoon with 1500 large fresh mackerel.

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## SCATTERED ICE

### Covers the Straits of Canso for Many Miles.

#### Tug Towed Ten American Fishing Vessels Through.

Scattered ice for miles covers the Strait of Canso. There is open water from Cape Jack to Cape George. The ice is kept on the Cape Breton coast by a light westerly wind. The steam tug F. W. Roebling towed 10 American schooners out yesterday. The vessels are all bound to the Magdalen Islands.

## Herring Plenty in Casco Bay.

Herring have struck into Casco bay in great numbers and although but few are aware of it those who are fishing are getting great catches. The greatest catches are being made north and south of Long Island. None of the steamers are out yet but they will probably begin fishing before long. It is also expected that the Boothbay fleet which fishes all the year round, will soon arrive at Portland to take advantage of the big schools of fish in these waters. It is also reported that some bait is being taken at Harpswell in the traps and pounds. The catch in the vicinity of Long Island has been averaging about two bushels to the net a night which is considered good fishing. The herring are now expected to remain in the bay all summer and the local fishing fleet will have no trouble in getting fresh bait.

## Sch. Grampus Sails.

The United States Fish Commission sch. Grampus sailed today to take up her seed lobster collection work on the Maine coast.

## Good Trip.

Sch. Eglantine, Capt. Oscar Benson, from Georges yesterday, had a nice trip, 40,000 pounds of fresh cod, 15,000 pounds of salt cod and 7000 pounds of halibut. Capt. Benson is doing well.

## Rips Cod Sale.

The fare of sch. E. C. Hussey sold to Sladgorton & Co. at \$1.50 per hundred weight for large, \$3.75 for mediums and \$2.25 for snappers.

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## BAIT IN PLENTY.

### So Says Report from the Magdalene Islands.

Herring bait is reported plenty at the Magdalene Islands and several of the salt bank fleet have arrived there.

## Big Trip.

Sch. Metamora, Capt. John Robinson, is at Boston today from the Peak with a big fare, 118,000 pounds of fresh cod. Most of the trip will be brought here to split.